

FORM B - BUILDING

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Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 9 Revere Street

Historic Name Sidney Butters House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1873

Source Minute-man, August 9, 1873

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim vinyl siding

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

barn (c.1885)

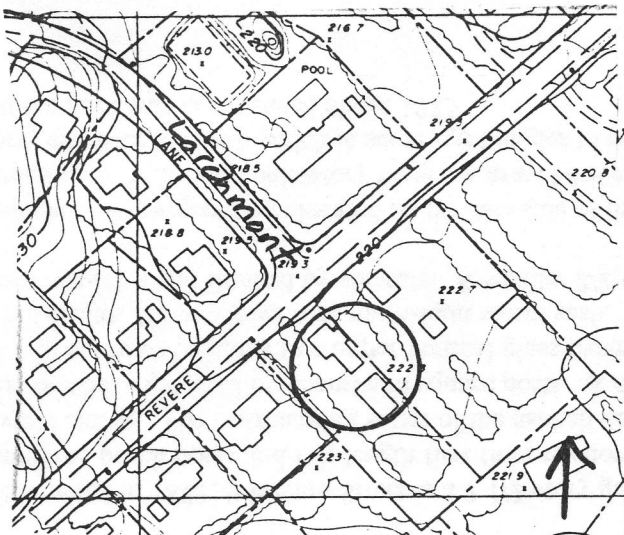
Major Alterations (with dates) date? - rear wing, siding

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 20,000 SF

Setting mixed 19th to 20th century residential



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) June 2000

## BUILDING FORM (9 Revere Street)

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Constructed in 1873, 9 Revere Street is a 2 1/2-story gablefront dwelling which displays limited Italianate features including chamfered porch posts and full-length first floor windows. The 3 x 2-bay house is set on a stone foundation and is sheathed in vinyl siding. The overhanging eaves of the asphalt-shingled roof end in returns. A single-story porch spans the three-bay wide facade, supported by chamfered square posts. A distinctive angled geometric railing spans between the posts. The sidehall entrance contains two upper vertical glass panes set above a horizontal panel. The adjacent facade openings consist of full-length 2/2 windows with multi-light storm sash. The second story facade openings consist of 2/2 sash fitted with metal storm windows and flanked by shutters. A smaller 2/2 window lights the attic.

A single-story projection is located on the east side of the house. A brick exterior chimney rises along the west elevation. Extending behind is a single-story wing. A gravel driveway is located to the west of the house and leads to a detached two-story, clapboarded barn which is set at right angles to the house and largely hidden by vegetation. Assessors' records suggest that the barn was constructed about 1885.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* on August 9, 1873 reported that Sidney Butters had just purchased a 20,000 square foot lot of land on Cross Street from Mr. Parker, adjoining Benjamin Gleason's lot (see MHC#754). The article notes that the price for the land was about three cents per foot and that Mr. Butters was to immediately build on the spot. S. Butters is shown as the owner of the house on the 1875 map. Directories indicate that Sidney Butters (1817-1897) worked as a gate tender. The detached barn was constructed about 1885 according to the town valuation lists. After Sidney's death in 1897, the house was occupied by his son, Fred Butters who worked at the starch factory.

By 1902 the house was occupied by Edward H. Bowman. By 1924 directories indicate that Mary Bowman was in residence. Alfred and Elva Tutin acquired the property in 1936 and family members still own it today.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Lexington Assessors Records.  
Lexington Directories, various dates.  
*Lexington Minute-man*, August 9, 1873.  
Lexington Valuation Lists, various dates.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*